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TAGS: PINR, OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), PN
SUBJECT: LEFTIST PLANS FOR CARTER VISIT
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1. AFTER REPORTED INTENSE INTERNAL SQUABBLING, IT APPEARS THAT THE MAIN-LINE LEFTIST GROUPS (PARTIDO DEL PUEBLO AND THE FRACCION) WILL WELCOME THE PRESIDENT IN A QUOTE POSITIVE UNQUOTE MANNER. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS BY VARIOUS LEADERS OF THE PDP AND FRACCION CALL FOR PATRIOTIC CONCENTRATIONS OF "PROGRESSIVE PEOPLE" AT ALL POINTS ON THE ITINERARY. THIS IS SAID TO BE AIMED AT COUNTER-BALANCING ANY GROUPS OF OLD-LINE POLITICOS WHO MAY BE ANTI-TORRIJOS OR ANTI-TREATY. THE ESTABLISHMENT LEFTIST PARTIES HAVE THUS SUCCUMBED TO GOP PRESSURE, BUT WILL APPARENTLY STILL INCLUDE A FEW ANTI-IMPERIALISM PLACARDS AMONG THEIR ARSENAL OF SIGNS WELCOMING THE PRESIDENT, IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE THEIR REVOLUTIONARY IMAGE.

2. AT LEAST ONE LEFTIST GROUP -- THE PDP'S UNIVERSITY ANTI-IMPERIALIST FRONT (FAU) -- HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD ALSO WELCOME THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT POSITIVELY. HOWEVER, OTHER LEFTISTS SUCH AS THE

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GUAYAKUCHOS AND THE CAMILO TORRES CIRCLE STILL INTEND TO PROTEST THE VISIT.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT, WITH THE MAIN LEFT-WING GROUPS AT LEAST HALF-HEARTEDLY ON THE SIDE OF THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, THE THREAT FROM THE LEFT TO A SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IS VERY SMALL. THE ULTRA-

LEFTIST OPPOSITIONISTS ARE TOO FEW AND TOO
FRAGMENTED TO MAKE ANY REAL WAVES. THERE IS A
SOMEWHAT GREATER CHANCE OF TROUBLE FROM THE "RIGHT"
(I.E., SUPPORTERS OF ARNULFO ARIAS), BUT OUR ANALYSIS
IN REFTTEL STILL HOLDS. JORDEN

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